

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention advantageously provides a manner by which to further suppress noise superimposed upon an information signal without increasing distortion to the 5 signal, e.g., speech. By distributing the noise suppression, the quality of the information signal provided to a listener is improved. In one embodiment, a first noise suppressor is employed at the transmitter to suppress noise superimposed upon an information signal prior to its transmission by the 10 transmitter, and a second noise suppressor is employed at the receiver to suppress the noise component of a communication signal received at the receiver.

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